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## **Incoming Mayor Announces Selection for Vice-Mayor**

**Wheeling, WV** – Mayor-elect Glenn Elliott has announced his selection for Vice-Mayor of the City of Wheeling, proposing the appointment of Ward 1 Councilman-elect Chad Thalman to the position. This appointment is subject to City Council ratification on July 5 during the regular meeting.

Mayor-elect Elliott issued the following statement:

"As the incoming mayor, it is my duty per our city charter to appoint the next Vice-Mayor. I have met with each of the incoming Council members individually to discuss his or her interest in this position, and, after giving careful consideration to some very strong candidates, I concluded that Chad represented the best fit for the role. He has a sound financial mind, and from his position in a historic Wheeling business, he appreciates how city actions can influence economic activity. And on a personal level, he has consistently given me candid advice whether I wanted to hear it or not. I look forward to working with him and the other five Council members over the next four years."

Councilman-elect Thalman grew up in Wheeling, attending St. Michael Parish School and graduating from Wheeling Central Catholic High School in 2000. In 2004, he graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He received his Master of Business Administration from Wheeling Jesuit University in 2009.

Councilman-elect Thalman currently handles the sales and management responsibilities for Warwood Armature, a company that was founded by his great grandfather in 1927. Additionally, he teaches in the business department at Wheeling Jesuit as an adjunct professor.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to serve as Vice-Mayor in my hometown. This is the city I plan on spending the rest of my life in, and I look forward to working with the incoming Council, Mayor-Elect, residents, and business owners of Wheeling to help move Wheeling forward in a positive direction," Thalman shared.

Per the City of Wheeling charter, the Vice-Mayor shall perform the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability.

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